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1. QUAI OFFICIALS DO NOT YET HAVE DEFINITIVE ANSWER TO REQUEST CONCERNING EA TALKS HERE 15-16 MAY. ON UNOFFICIAL BASIS, THEY SAY THAT TENG HSIAO-P'ING VISIT WILL MOST SURELY TAKE PLACE DURING THOSE TWO DAYS. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEARLY WEEK-LONG PRC VISIT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL APRIL 7. THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO GIVE US A MORE FORMAL COUNTERPROPOSAL SOON.

2. ANOTHER PROBLEM IN ARRANGING FRANCO-US TALKS IS THAT THE NEW DIRECTOR FOR ASIA HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED UPON, AND THEY ARE NOT NOW SURE WHETHER HE WILL HAVE ASSUMED HIS FUNCTION AT THAT TIME.

3. QUAI OFFICIALS CONSIDER THAT PRINCIPAL "OPERATIONAL" PROBLEM WILL BE INDOCHINA. DEVELOPMENTS THERE MAY SUGGEST CONSULTATIONS IN EARLY MAY. MORE LIKELY ALTERNATIVE, HOWEVER, IS CONDUCTING OUR CONSULTATIONS FOLLOWING MAY 20 WHEN IT WOULD ALSO BE POSSIBLE TO GIVE US GENERAL RUNDOWN ON THE RESULTS OF THE TENG VISIT.

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